



## Kent County Volunteer Firemen's Association January 20, 2010

President Snell called the 935<sup>th</sup> meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at Station 55, Magnolia Volunteer Fire Company. Following dinner served by the Ladies Auxiliary of the station, Vice President White presented gratuities to the auxiliary. Clyde Luton of the Magnolia Volunteer Fire Company gave the address of welcome; Vice President White gave the response.

**Roll Calls:** Officers: 12 present, 1 absent; Companies: 16 present, 3 absent; Past Presidents: 16 KCVFA, 8 DVFA, and 8 Fire Company Presidents.

### **Introduction of Guests:**

**DVFA** – Kevin Wilson, voter registration training is going on in Sussex County; next week will be in Dover. Once individuals are trained they can register anyone. If you get a chance be sure to stop by Legislative Hall. Al Metheny, NHSTA Review is in progress and they are looking at everything. The Presenters did a great job. They will present a brief overview. Funding is still an issue. We need a more permanent funding source. It seems to have gone fairly well. Kevin Wilson, Thanks to the committee for the hard work. We are still looking for any ideas to help make the conference better. Recruitment and Retention is looking for a new coordinator. Jill is leaving the position. Pension dates are out. March 14<sup>th</sup> is the next Executive Committee meetings. CFSI Annual Dinner coming up April 29<sup>th</sup> hoping you will consider sending the company President's, Chief's or at least 1 or 2 individuals. Bill Tobin, In January we met with the Governor and he gave us an hour, he insinuated we were \$474 million in the hole this fiscal year. Several fire companies in all 3 counties have reached out and talked to the legislator's which is nice. Open an opportunity to share your views at Little Creek on February 8<sup>th</sup>. Effort is to maintain our level of funding. Important – that we reach out and touch people who do not recognize who we are. We are public service group that really does not get paid for anything. We get Grant & Aid and other monies, but when you talk to people in positions that can affect change they do not realize what we do and what it costs us to do things. Dan Short of Seaford took it upon himself to start a legislative coalition of Senators and Representatives. Sometime from March 16<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> he has been gracious to get the legislators together from both sides Republicans and Democrats to sit down with us for a PowerPoint Presentation and hand-outs explaining our issues with funding. Another good contact is a gentleman in New Castle County who will take us to Dennis Williams the chairman of the Finance Committee. Bottom line we may call on people to come to legislative hall with your fire company shirts or jackets. Your presence is what is going to make a difference.

**State Fire Chief's Association** – Jeff Dennis, next meeting January 28<sup>th</sup> @ Cranston Heights Thanks for the recognition.

**State Ambulance Association** – P.J. Gosh, our next meeting is with the State Chiefs on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

**DVFA Ladies Auxiliary** – Loraine Madden Thanks for the recognition.

**State Fire Police Association** – Charlie Walls, next meeting @ Fire School on February 21<sup>st</sup>.

**DVFA Conference** – Elmer Steele next meeting February 15<sup>th</sup> @ Sheridan

**State Fire Prevention Commission** – Marvin Sharp, 1<sup>st</sup> PROPOSED draft for Standards we have heard comments if you have concerns put it in an email or fax it to us. If you are satisfied send us something so we have a report from every company. We want this to be as right as possible still need input in some areas (experience, implementation, and penalties). Bill Betts is looking for replacement as representative of the Firemen's Association for Kent County.

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**Delaware State Fire School** – No Report

**State Fire Marshal's Office** – No Report

**Legislature** – No Report

**Kent County Fire Chief's Association** – Gary Madden, next meeting February 10<sup>th</sup>

**Kent County Fire Police Association** – Richard Schwalb, Thanks for the recognition.

**Kent County Ambulance Association** – No Report

**Kent County Ladies Auxiliary** – Pat Paolini, Thanks for the recognition.

**Kent County Levy Court** – No Report

**Kent County Emergency Management** – No Report

**Kent County Emergency Dispatch Center** – No Report

**Kent County Emergency Medical** – No Report

**New Castle County Volunteer Firemen's Association** – Bob Sutton, Pleasure to be here.

**Sussex County Volunteer Firemen's Association** – No Report

**State Recruitment and Retention** – No Report

**Mutual Relief** – Joe Zerolles, Insurance premiums were due by January 15<sup>th</sup>

**DEMA** – No Report

***A motion was made, seconded, carried with an amendment for approval of the minutes of the previous meeting as printed with the correction as follows: Jim Cabbage as parliamentarian of the Roberts Rules of Order made an amendment and there was a second to the amendment that a prior motion in the previous minutes is out of order "members must serve for a term of office" (to have the By-laws committee come up with a proposal to change the By-laws making the Fire Prevention Committee permanent) and that it be stricken from the record as being out of order. The amendment carried for approval.***

**Deceased Members:** Station 46 – William C. Hamilton, Sr., Station 40 – Joe Giuttari, Station 41 – Dr. Harry G. Neese, Jr., Station 41 – Richard G. Winchell, Station 47 – Alden Hopkins, Jr., Station 47 – Carl I Legates, Sr.

**Report of Officers** – Submitted in written form.

**Treasurer's Report** – Treasurer Robert Yerkes reported ending balances as of January 1, 2010: Roland Trader Scholarship Fund – \$5,982.01; Checking Account – \$180.97; Money Market – \$15,154.22; total of all CD's – \$19,339.47; total funds – \$34,674.66

**Written Correspondence** – Received 2 letters, 1<sup>st</sup> letter from Hartly Fire Company stating their Primary and Alternate delegates to the Kent County Firemen's Association. 2<sup>nd</sup> letter was from Citizen's Hose Fire Company stating their Primary and Alternate delegates to the Kent County Firemen's Association.

**Report of Committees**

Ladies Night – Frank King, monies are due by next week. Need more tickets call me; contact me for any further information. Firemen of the Year nominations are due to me by January 30, 2010.

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**Payment of Bills** – \$161.65 – Frank King, (Fire Prevention Supplies); \$1477.50– Hartly Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary, (Fire Prevention Dinners): A motion was made, seconded, and carried for payment of bills.

**Unfinished Business** – Robert Yerkes, all dues have been paid. Glenn Gillespie, scheduling cards are at printers will have them by next meeting.

**New Business** –  
None

**Good of the Association**

Al Metheny suggested that meetings be advertised on the websites for both this association and fire companies that can. Marvin Sharp, referencing computers due to technical difficulties Monday we were not up and running but as of 1:00pm today I was assured that we are.

50-50 – Herman Wagner

Conference Souvenir –

A motion was made and seconded, and carried to adjourn at 8:25 p.m.; Chaplin Paul gave the benediction.

*The next meeting will be at Station 52, Houston.*

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Pablo Reyes, Jr.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Pablo Reyes, Jr., Secretary